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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Helen Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 February 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23-33, 42 and 43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-33, 42 and 43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the amendment filed 2/5/2007. Claims 34-41 are cancelled, rendering the previous drawing objections and §112 rejections moot. Claims 24-25 are amended, overcoming the previous §112 rejections. **Claims 23-33 and 42-43** remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. **Claims 23-33 and 42-43** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamato et al (US Pat No. 5957870) in view of Hershler et al (*Angle-Angle Diagrams in the Assessment of Locomotion*).
4. Please see the Office Action dated 10/3/2006 for complete details.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 2/5/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant contends that Hershler et al teach away from generating a cyclogram based on first set of data and a second set of data and determining a value of a characteristic of the generated cyclogram, wherein the first and second set of data pertain to angles of a joint of a first and second limb respectively because Hershler et al only teach generating a cyclogram based on different joints of the same limb. While the Examiner agrees that Hershler et al do only specifically teach generating a cyclogram based on different joints of the same limb, it is noted

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that Hershler et al have simply been relied upon in the above §103 rejection for the teaching of generating a cyclogram based on a first and second set of *data*, even though that data may be joint angles from the same limb. However, when combined with the teachings of Yamato et al, the result would still encompass generating a cyclogram based on the first and second set of data and determining a value of a characteristic of the generated cyclogram, wherein the first and second set of data pertain to angles of a joint of a first and second limb. It is evident that incorporating data from a first and second set of data is well within the scope of Hershler et al and would result in the desired combination as motivated by the reasons previously discussed.

6. The Examiner would like to note that the method claims do not include a positive step for quantifying the asymmetry of the joint angles of the two limbs during a movement, which currently is only recited in the preamble of the claim, and that said claims do not specifically recite determining a first and second set of angle data from the *same* joint of said first and second limb, as found in the invention, and only recite determining a first and second set of angle data from *a* joint. It is also noted that such amendments to the claims would require a new search consideration given the inclusion of such limitations significantly narrow the scope of the claims.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Helen Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-8340. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on 571-272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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